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## Pot-of-Gold named community treasure

**Pat Young**  
*Frontline Staff*

Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield honored outstanding volunteers in a recent Commanding General Pot of Gold ceremonies, Dec. 5 at the Hunter Club, and Dec. 10 at Club Stewart, to recognize outstanding achievers in volunteerism.

Although he couldn't attend in person, Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch, 3rd Infantry Division commanding general made time to provide a video message to those in attendance, expressing his gratitude to the Pot of Gold winners.

"In Task Force Marne we have 20,000 Soldiers, and our battle space is the size of the state of West Virginia," Lynch said.

He said the Soldiers were making magnificent progress because they could concentrate on their mission and didn't have to worry about their Families. Lynch said Soldiers and leaders knew their Families were being taken care of by a dedicated community. He said the same mission success and quality care would not be possible without volunteers.

"You're coming in every day to make a difference," Lynch said. "You are coming in every day, regardless of what else you have to do that day. I want you to know how much we appreci-

ate what you do."

Lynch said the Pot-of-Gold Award was established in 1992 to recognize outstanding volunteers and noted the Division has recognized more than 2,400 Pot-of-Gold recipients as of the day's events.

Each of the recipients provided 20 or more hours of service for six or more months with a professional attitude, and were nominated by their peers for the award in recognition for their time and energy in the various areas they volunteered for.

At the Stewart event, Sarah Lynch, 3rd Infantry Division Family Readiness Leader; and Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart-Hunter garrison commander were on-hand to present the awards and personally thank each volunteer for their service.

"We could not run this installation without the great support of our volunteers," Buchs said. "We absolutely could not provide the services at the level that we do, or the quality we do, without the support of our great volunteers."

The volunteers come from all walks of life and fill vital positions all around post. Among the volunteers are medical assistants, child care providers, tutors, administrative assistants, community leaders and coaches, and Family Readiness Group leaders and helpers. Additionally, a number of volunteers were off-post agencies, such as the Landings Military Relief, American Red Cross coordinators, who continuously help Soldiers and their Families.

Gerald Claxton, a Red Cross volunteer and associate pastor at Savannah's Southside Baptist Church helps with oversight of Hunter volunteers and schedules coordination at the various events they support,

including deployment and redeployment activities.

"I volunteer because I have a big heart for the military," said Claxton, who also served four years in the U.S. Air Force. "We serve the best military establishment in the world. As Americans, we serve a great country and a great God." This year's Pot of Gold winners Stewart-Hunter are below. For more information about the Pot of Gold, or volunteerism, contact Army Community Services at 767-5058.

### Stewart Pot of Gold Recipients

Paige Adgie	Charlotte Pundsack
Tawanda Agee	Jeni Putnam
Tatiana Araujo	Misty Raybon
Dawn Bradley	Linda Reynolds
Kelly Brock	Amanda Robinette
Karin Brookshire	Alvin Schmitt
Lauri Brownlee	Kristina Schroeder
Sarah Burdick	Nicole Smith
Martha Campbell	Robbie Smith
Tracy Campbell	Misty Strong
Tracy Cassella	Laura Swenness
Kara Casto	Sadie Trejo
Suzanne Claxton	Suzi Tullier
Tammy Clubb	Tammie Williams
Connie Cullen	Tonia Winchester
Latanya Daisy	Kim Yancey
Eghan Davis	Jacqueline Yarber
Jodie Deleon	Monique Cribbs
Patricia Durham	Donnetta Norris
Mariah Eddins	Gabrielle Winton
Christine Fernandez	Francisco Andrade
Jessica Fernandez;	Maria Andrade
Sara Fisher	Kimberly Ball
Lindsey Foss	Callie Beevers
Audrey Frohnhoefer	Benjamin Renee
Tracy Gee	Deb Bickel
Keshia Goolsby	Elizabeth Boatwright
Sarah Harnist	Gerald Claxton
Heather Harrison	Kristen Dickerson
Erin Hoover	Rachel Dunnigan
Rebecca Inge	Jamie Ford
Kayla James	Rose Hank
Louise Kaserman	April Harrison
Michelle Kasprzycki	Shonda Hinton
Bradi Keen	Irma Hooten
Sheila Kelly	Laura Huys
Nicole Kelso	Antoinette Johnson
Donna Kerrick-Baker	Deanna Koritko
Bruce King	Jo Kramer
Krissy Koslowsky	Daniela Lembo
Cherrie Kreiger	Kristen Lewis
Leigh Kurcharski	Alison Long
Kacy LaFleur	Carol Megathlin
Paula Legate	Dick Miller
Erin Lenart	Gerry Molella
Alice Maniece	Lou Molella
Kelly McKinnon	Jack Munroe
Shonda McKoy	Bob Nickels
Dyanna Melloh	Carol Nickels
Angela Michel	Julie Prescott
Sonya Milliron	Shaun Rose
Lori Misuraca	Theresa Rudacille
Amy Moreno	Susan Ruffin-Smith
Michelle Nocerito	Evelyn Smith
Amanda Nuckles	Sara Spies
Anne O'Connor	Willie Stephens
Lisa Oliver	Jenny Thorson
Frank Palmer	Lois Von Barga
Sarah Parrish	Gerry Von Barga
Jennifer Patterson	Suzi Welch
Christina Peoples	Don White
Jill Peterson; Tori Pless	Ann Whittacre
Sgt. 1st Class Flor Price	Deanna Wilburn
Marisol Prokopowicz	

### Hunter Pot of Gold Recipients

Francisco Andrade	Carol Megathlin
Maria Andrade	Dick Miller
Kimberly Ball	Gerry Molella
Callie Beevers	Lou Molella
Benjamin Renee	Jack Munroe
Deb Bickel	Bob Nickels
Elizabeth Boatwright	Carol Nickels
Gerald Claxton	Julie Prescott
Kristen Dickerson	Shaun Rose
Rachel Dunnigan	Theresa Rudacille
Jamie Ford	Susan Ruffin-Smith
Rose Hank	Evelyn Smith
April Harrison	Sara Spies
Shonda Hinton	Willie Stephens
Irma Hooten	Jenny Thorson
Laura Huys	Lois Von Barga
Antoinette Johnson	Gerry Von Barga
Deanna Koritko	Suzi Welch
Jo Kramer	Don White
Daniela Lembo	Ann Whittacre
Kristen Lewis	Deanna Wilburn
Alison Long	



Sharon Bass

**Hunter Pot-of -Gold receipients Back Row, left to right: Bob Nickels, Jo Kramer, Laura Huys, Carol Megathlin, Susan Ruffin-Smith, Gerry Molella, Deeanna Koritko, Alison Long, Deanna Wilburn, Gerald Claxton, Shonda Hinton, Lou Molella, Julie Prescott, Don White, Francisco Andrade, Sgt. Shaun Rose, 260th QM, Staff Sgt. Renee Benjamin, 260th QM. Front row, left to right: Carol Nickels, Kim Ball, Jack Munroe, Debbie Bickel, Maria Andrade, Irma Hooten, April Harrison, Rose Hank, Kristen Dickerson.**

## Jack and the Beanstalk comes to town

**Lina Satele**  
*Staff Writer*

The Missoula Children's Theater visited Fort Stewart and held its "Jack and the Beanstalk" theatrical play at Moon Theater, Dec. 8. About 52 children from the installation participated in the event.

"We only had five days of practice and the children are amazing," said Leslie Rangel, Child and Youth Services instructional program specialist. "Since it's the school season the children only have had the time to practice after school from 3:30 to about 7:45 (p.m.) for the past five days performing on the sixth day."

The Missoula Children Theater usually visits Fort Stewart once a year but Rangel says they were very fortunate to have the company visit twice this year; over the summer months and now. The children, ranging from 1st through 12th grade, performed their play twice, at 3 and at 7 p.m. that day with only one dress rehearsal.

"It's very important for the children to have an outlet to express themselves especially with deployment," Rangel said. "This helps keep their minds off of it."

MCT is based out of Missoula, Mo. and the company was founded in 1970. They provide all the scripts the children perform during the tours and the art directors. The company will have nearly 55,000 children participating in the MCT international tour project this season. More than 1,000 communities from all 50 states have participated in the MCT. The performance at Stewart was directed by Abigail Peterson and Brittany Bara.

"It is so rewarding to watch the children perform with having such a short time to practice," said Reia Dunkin, CYS piano teacher.

The Cast included: Belle Bush who played Jack; Shanna Haley who played Jack's mom; Monica Bodly who played Milky White the cow, Ashley Thompson as the Harp; Justine Miller as Jill and Noah Kinnell as the giant.

The merchants were played by, Edward Fernando, Jazmine Thompson, Ashley Thompson, Makenzie Everson, Deqwone Lavalley, Kayla Holman, Danica Stimmel, Kaitlyn Sherrill and Kristin Sherrill.

The Farmers were played by Tory Sherrill, Brandi Tena, Michelle Moore, Mica Haley, Renee Bush, Kourtney Marks, Tyeisha Bradford, and Amie Sherrill.

The circus had a ring master, played by Valerie Silva, a strong man by Christian Silva, a strong lady by Jackie Moore, a lion tamer by Darius Smith, a fire eater by Abigail Everson, ballerina's by Mya Falcon, Mashayla Castro, and Lania Lavalley.

The acrobats were played by Gayri Patterson, Alison Stimmel, and Imani Hargrove.

The clowns were played by Jacqueline Marquez, Jaylynn Miller and Kendra Fulce.

The band members were played by Ashton Kinnell, Aisa Garmon, Jacob Decker and Alexia Clayton. There was one gambler in the circus act. He was played by Connor Johnson.

What's a Beanstalk without beans? The beans were played by David Decker, Tonie Hill, Asa Everson, Allysia Dunkins, Destiny Nistler, Lily Bodly, Mickenzie Thompson and Kiara Jefferson. Jack and the Beanstalk was directed by Abigail Peterson and Brittany Bara.





# MWR Briefs

## Attend outdoor recreation classes

Education classes are available upon request for groups to learn about the unique environment in Southeastern Georgia.

The program is designed for kids in grades 4 - 8. The curriculum uses materials from Project Wild, plus Wet and Learning Tree. Teachers and group leaders are encouraged to contact Outdoor Recreation at 767-8609 for further information and scheduling.

## Mommy-and-Me Tumbling offered

Tumbling classes are offered every Wednesday at Jordan Gym from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m., for ages 1 - 2, and from 10:30 to 11:15 a.m., for ages 2 - 4. Sports physicals are required for all participants. Register by calling 767-6071.

## Tumbling classes offered at CDC

Tumbling classes for children ages 2 and older are available at the Child Development Center, building 403, 9 to 9:45 a.m. every Tuesday. Children must be registered through Child and Youth Services.

For more information about CYS classes, call 767-2312.

## Basketball, cheerleading registration

Registration is underway for Child and Youth Services Youth Sports basketball and cheerleading. Registration is open to all CYS members living on or off post (ages 5-18) for basketball and (ages 6-13) for cheerleading. Tentative age divisions for basketball will be 5-6 (co-ed), 7-8 (co-ed), 9-10 (boys), 8-10 (girls), 11-12 (boys), 11-14 (girls), 13-14 (boys), and 15-18 (co-ed).

Age divisions for cheerleading will be determined by number of participants registered. Register at the Fort Stewart CYS, building 443. Special discounts may apply for children of deployed Soldiers. For more information, call CYS at 767-2312 or Jordan Gym at 767-4371. Volunteer coaches are needed. If interested, please call 767-2312.

## Take the Family orientation tour

Come take a tour of the installation and learn about a variety of helpful programs for new Families. Meeting on the second floor of the Soldier Services Center, building 253 at 9 a.m. every Tuesday and Thursday. Orientation is held from 9 a.m. to noon and breaks for an hour lunch. The tour of the installation is from 1 to 2 p.m. Free child care is available upon request.

For more information, call ACS at 767-5058.

## Take a Holiday Hayride

Enjoy all the seasons' festivities with the ones you love. The Holiday Hayride will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., tomorrow at the Corkan Family Recreation Area and the Hunter ACS at Hunter Army Airfield. There will be caroling on a hayride to see the season's lights, mini golf in a festive holiday park, and Santa. All activities are on a first come-first serve basis. Cost is \$5 per Family. Call 767-4273 or 315-9554 for more information.

## GC Golf Scramble held

The GC Golf Scramble will be held at 8 a.m., tomorrow at Taylors Creek Golf Course with a Dec. 13 early bird registration deadline. The cost for the day of event is \$35 for members or \$40 for non-members. First 25 teams only. For more information, call 315-9115.

## Middle-School Family Night slated

Come enjoy fun for the whole Family from 5 to 7 p.m., today at the Youth Center. The event will include kids activities, mini workshops, massage services for parents, and dinner. Reserve space for you and your Family. Free child care. For more information, call 767-4494.

## Teen Council Meeting scheduled

Get involved improving the teen quality of life. The teen council meeting will be held at 5 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Youth Center. For more information, call 767-4491.

## Library offers story time

Christmas and New Year's story time, crafts and activities will be held from 4:30-6:30 p.m., Dec. 20 at the Hunter Library. For more information, call 315-2403.Home Schooling Monthly Meeting


## Home schooling meeting slated

A home school meeting will be held at 11 a.m. on Dec. 21 at the Youth Center. Come meet other home schooling Families to learn and share information and experiences. Potluck lunch will be at 12 p.m. Home School Academy held at 9:30 a.m. every Fri. For more information, call 767-4491/6533.

## Come to Polar Bear Adventure Golf


Come out and bear the cold and get the Family outdoors for a round of adventure golf and get a great half price discount from 6 to 10 p.m. on Dec. 29 at Cypress Creek Adventure Golf.


The cost is \$1 per game, normally \$2 per game. For more information, call 767-4273.



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### Dan In Real Life

**Today — 7 p.m.**  
(Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche)  
Advice columnist Dan Burns is an expert on relationships, but somehow struggles to succeed as a brother, a son and a single parent. *Rated PG-13 (innuendo)* 98 min

### Fred Claus

**Friday, Saturday— 7 p.m.**  
(Vince Vaughn, Paul Giamatti)  
When Fred, Santa Claus' deadbeat older brother, is forced to move in with his brother at the North Pole, he screws everything up but ultimately redeems himself. *Rated PG (language, rude humor)* 95 min

### Bee Movie

**Sunday, Dec. 19— 7 p.m.**  
(Annette Bening, Chris Rock)  
Barry B. Benson is a graduate bee fresh out of college who is disillusioned at his lone career choice: making honey. On a rare trip outside the hive, Barry's life is saved by Vanessa, a florist in New York City. As their relationship blossoms, he discovers humans are mass consumers of honey and decides to sue the human race for stealing bees' honey. *Rated PG (suggestive humor, brief description of smoking)* 100 min

Pets of the Week



Perkins the kitten and Petey the puppy are some of the many homeless pets at the Fort Stewart animal shelter. The shelter has pets of all kinds, sizes, and breeds in their care. If you are interested in adopting, call the Fort Stewart Veterinary Clinic at 767-2842.

# TRADOC offers college opportunities for NCOs

## Special to the Frontline

TRADOC kicked off its new College of the American Soldier program Nov. 14 in partnership between the Army and select colleges and universities to provide college credit for military education and leadership training, expanding the educational opportunities for the noncommissioned officer.

The College of the American Soldier enhances leadership and warfighting capabilities and grows the Multi-skilled NCO characteristics; is accepted and supported by the American Council on Education; provides flexibility in the time to complete a degree; maximizes credit transfer between colleges and college credit awarded for military training and education. It minimizes academic residency requirements and includes distributed learning courses.

The Career NCO Degrees Program is available to all non-commissioned officers at any point in their career but maximum credit for Army leadership schools is based on completion of NCOES through Sergeants Major Course. It includes SOCAD business and management-related degrees listed in fully developed degree maps in GoArmyEd located online at [www.GoArmyEd.com](http://www.GoArmyEd.com).

Participating colleges certify up-front the amount of credit to be applied to the Career NCO degree based on American Council on Education credit recommendations. Credit awards range from 45-67 percent of associate degrees for Soldiers completing SMC resident and from 31-38 percent of bachelor's degrees for Soldiers completing SMC non-resident. Individualized assessment may provide additional credits for MOS training and experience, testing, professional certification, prior learning and functional training.

## Degree Programs Selected for Career NCO Degrees Program

Only a limited number of business and management-related degrees were chosen to be designated Career NCO Degrees. Five associate degrees from four colleges and nineteen bachelor's degrees from eight colleges and universities were selected. Colleges will evaluate individual Soldiers' AARTS transcript for additional credits that may apply to the degree from MOS training and experience, testing, professional certification, and prior learning. Degrees are fully developed degree maps in the GoArmyEd

portal, [www.GoArmyEd.com](http://www.GoArmyEd.com).

SOCAD will continue to coordinate the participation of colleges and universities within the Career NCO Degrees Program. This will include an annual request to the colleges to review credit awards for Army training as they apply to their Career NCO Degrees to ensure that Soldiers can make informed decisions to meet their education goals.

## Associate degrees selected for the program include:

### Barstow Community College

Associates of Science in management

### Coastline Community College

Associates of Arts in Business and Administration  
AA in Management

### Limestone College

AA (Business Administration/General Business)

### Thomas Edison State College

AS Business Administration

## Bachelor's degrees chosen are:

### Austin Peay State University

BSPS - Professional Studies

### Empire State College, SUNY

BPS - Business, Management, and Economics (Business)  
BS - Business, Management, and Economics (Business)  
BS - Business, Management, and Economics (Business Management)  
BS - Business, Management, and Economics (Human Resource Management)

### Franklin University

BS Business Administration  
BS Applied Management

### Limestone College

BS Business Administration (General Business)  
BS Business Administration (Management)

### Park University

BS - Management  
BS - Management/Human Resources

### Strayer University

BBA - Business Administration (Human Resource Management)  
BBA - Business Administration (Management)

### Thomas Edison State College

BS - Business Administration (General Management)  
BS - Business Administration (Human Resource Management/Organizational Management)  
BS - Business Administration (Operations Management)

### University of Maryland University College

BS Management Studies  
BS Human Resource Management  
BS Business Administration

## GoArmyEd Portal

Each degree program selected for the Career NCO Degrees Program of the College of the American Soldier is identified on page one of a degree map. An overview of the program can be found below the Degree Objective. An explanation of maximum credit awards for NCOES training is listed in the "Notes" section, on the last page of a degree map.

NCO leadership schools include Warrior Leader, Battle Staff, BNCOC and ANCOC Common Core, First Sergeant, and either Sergeants Major Course Resident (AR-1408-0148) or Sergeants Major Course Non-Resident (AR-1408-0149). Actual credit awarded is based on a review of the Soldier's AARTS transcript. Colleges may award additional credit upon completing an evaluation of Soldiers' MOS training and experience, prior college credit, testing, and professional certification. This program will continue to be developed and expanded over the coming months in the GoArmyEd Portal.

For more information, visit [www.soc.aascu.org/socad/CollAmSoldier.html](http://www.soc.aascu.org/socad/CollAmSoldier.html).

Also, on the main SOCAD Web page, [www.soc.aascu.org/socad/Default.html](http://www.soc.aascu.org/socad/Default.html), there is a link in the section "Specialized Education Initiatives" to the new Career NCO Degrees. You may also meet with your Army education counselor.



# HEALTH MATTERS

## Winn Army Community Hospital

### Strategies for healthy holidays

Capt. Julie C. Rylander, RD/LD  
Bavaria MEDDAC

The holidays are upon us and here come the goodies. It seems as it's almost expected for us to over indulge during the holidays and then make New Year's resolutions that commit us to improving our health. Seems a bit contradictory, huh? Don't just commit to being healthy for 46 weeks of the year while permitting yourself to holiday indulgences for six weeks. Enter the holidays with an attitude that you don't need to deprive yourself of special holiday foods – but you don't need to eat huge portions to enjoy them either.

When it comes to enjoying special foods, keep it to just the holiday. Parties and celebrations present a healthy eating challenge with ample opportunities to indulge and overeat. Here are some strategies to achieve balance and moderation in your eating habits:

1. *Don't starve.* Saving up calories during the day to indulge a little at the main meal is okay; however, don't starve all day in order to splurge later. Prevent overindulgence by eating lighter meals during the day and have a healthy snack, such as a piece of fruit or veggies, to curb your appetite before the main meal.

2. *Have a plan and choose wisely.* At a party buffet, browse the choices before you start filling up your plate to determine which foods you will indulge and which you can skip without feeling deprived. Instead of nibbling throughout the event, fill up a small plate and eat in a location away from the food tables.

3. *Pace, don't race.* Focus on enjoying the foods you've selected and savor them! Eating quickly easily leads to getting second helpings. Socialize with friends and Family, putting the emphasis on the people with whom you are spending the holidays instead of the food.

4. *Limit alcohol.* Mixed drinks may contain up to 500 empty calories. Plus, alcohol tends to increase your appetite, feeding the temptation to overeat. If you drink, choose light wines and beers and use non-alcoholic mixers such as water or diet soda. Limit

your intake to one drink per day for women or two for men. Also, watch out for other high calorie holiday beverages: fruit punch, eggnog, and sodas.

5. *Be a good example.* If you are the host, offer your guests healthy options. Tasty choices include: veggies with lowfat dip, fresh fruit bites, whole grain crackers with lowfat cheeses, carved roast turkey, and stir-fry veggies. Delicious desserts include fresh fruit, angel food cake, and lowfat pudding and mousse.

6. *Get active.* Turn up the holiday tunes and get moving to burn extra calories. Rather than retreating to the couch after a large meal, gather a group and take a walk, enjoying outdoor holiday decorations and lights. This also gets you away from the view and smells of food that might otherwise encourage more eating.

#### Choosing Wisely

Remember, there are no "good" or "bad" foods; it's only our eating habits that are good, bad, or a little of both. Taking a look at the Food Guide Pyramid; you'll see that grain products, vegetables, fruits, low-fat dairy products, lean meats, fish, poultry, and dry beans all have a place and will encourage a positive holiday spirit by providing constant, stable energy; repairing and restoring the body; and assisting with stress management and preventing mood swings. What matters most is the total amount and types of foods you eat over several days. The pyramid shows we should choose more fruits, vegetables, and whole grains which are packed with vitamins, minerals, and fiber. At the same time, we should limit our intake of high-sugar and high-fat foods. Excess weight gain during the holidays often comes from eating too much of the foods that the pyramid tells us to limit.

Remind yourself daily why you want to be healthy. Enjoy the holidays without regret. With strategy, foresight, and a plan of action, you'll come through in good health for the coming year, able to focus on continuing to improve your health rather than undoing the bad habits and effects of overindulgence. Happy and healthy holidays!

### Winn Briefs

#### Winn/Tuttle reduced operations

Starting noon Friday, Winn Army Community Hospital will have reduced operations and Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed for holiday celebrations. Full operations will resume Dec. 15. Tuttle Army Health Clinic will be closed for holiday celebrations starting noon Dec. 21. Full operations there will resume Dec. 26. For more information call 435-6965.

#### Parking lot repairs at Winn

Certain sections of the parking lot at Winn Army Community Hospital will be closed starting Dec. 17 for phase one of repair and resurfacing. The projected completion date is Jan. 4. Please exercise caution in the parking lot during this time. Army Substance Abuse Program now seeing retirees and Family members.

Effective Dec. 5, the ASAP counseling center is offering prevention, education and treatment opportunities for military retirees and Family members (18 years and older). Walk-in hours are 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays; 12:30 to 3 p.m. Thursdays. The center is located at 944 William H. Wilson Ave., Building 620, Fort Stewart. Questions, call 767-5265.

#### Winn/Tuttle closing during holidays

Dec. 24 and Dec. 31 are MEDDAC training holidays. Dec. 25 is Christmas Day, and Jan. 1 is New Year's Day, federal holidays. Dec. 24-25, services at Winn Army Community Hospital will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations will resume Dec. 26. Dec. 31- Jan. 1 services at Winn will be limited to inpatient care and emergencies. Full operations will resume Jan. 2.

All services at Tuttle Army Health Clinic and the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic will be closed Dec. 24 and Dec. 25. Full operations will resume Dec. 26. Both clinics will also be closed Dec. 31 and Jan. 1. Full operations will resume Jan. 2. For more information, call 435-6965.

#### Assistance offered to Soldiers

Charles McClain, ombudsman, is here at Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield to assist Warriors in Transition and their Families regardless of whether the issue is related to medical matters. Please contact McClain at his office 435-5415 or cell 980-8143, email: [mac.mcclain2@amedd.army.mil](mailto:mac.mcclain2@amedd.army.mil) or visit his office in the Lloyd C. Hawks Troop Medical Clinic 192 Lindquist Rd., Fort Stewart, Room 104.

#### Blood drive slated

Winn Army Community Hospital is hosting a blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Jan. 8. ID is required to donate. All blood types are needed. Give the gift of life - give blood.

Present to donate and enter to win one of two \$500 gift cards. [www.redcross blood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

#### Let's hear from you

We need you, our customer, to take our Winn Survey. Please stop by the patient service on the first floor of the hospital, suite CH32, to take our five-minute computer survey about your visit at Winn on the day of your visit.

#### New walk-in hours for ASAP

Effective Nov. 19 the Army Substance Abuse Program Counseling Center will have new hours for walk-ins (i.e. Soldiers who are being referred for the first time for screening and Soldier with prior enrollments being referred for screening.) Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday 7:30 to 9:30 a.m.; Thursday 12:30 to 3 p.m. For more information, call Mrs. Graham at 767-5265 or 767-5267.

#### Get your flu vaccine

With the influenza season upon us, here are the times and locations to receive your flu vaccine.

Winn's Immunization Clinic: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 8 to 11 a.m.; Tuesday, Thursday, 1 to 3 p.m.

Tuttle's Immunization Clinic every Thursday, 1 to 5 p.m.

Make sure to bring your valid military ID card.

For more information, call Army Public Health Nursing at 435-5071.

#### Behavioral Health new location

As of Oct. 9, Winn Army Community Hospital's Behavioral Health Clinic is now located at 1083 Worcester Ave., building. 9242 Fort Stewart, across the street from Winn. For more information, please call 767-1647.

#### Family strategies for staying healthy

This class offers strategies for staying healthy. Upon completion of the class, individuals will be given an over-the-counter pharmacy card for use at Winn. The class is held the second Wednesday of each month from 2 to 3 p.m. To register, call 435-5071.

#### Tuttle Army Health Clinic hours

Tuttle Army Health Clinic is open Monday-Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Pharmacy, Laboratory, Radiology and Medical Records are also open Monday - Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The clinic is closed the fourth Thursday of every month from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. for training. For more information, call 315-6500/6811.

#### Book appointments online

Want an alternative to calling the appointment line? TRICARE online could be your answer. You can book your appointments online at the TRICARE online Web site, [www.tricareonline.com](http://www.tricareonline.com). This link is also available through the Winn Web site homepage, [www.winn.amedd.army.mil](http://www.winn.amedd.army.mil).

#### Ann Erickson

Winn Public Affairs

If you want to reduce your chances of getting the flu this year there is still time to receive your flu vaccine.

The Allergy/Immunizations Clinic at Winn Army Community Hospital will offer flu vaccines on a walk-in basis 8 to 11 a.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday; and 1 to 3 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday.

For more information, call the

Allergy/Immunization Clinic at 435-6878.

Tuttle Army Health Clinic's Immunization Clinic will offer flu vaccines on a walk-in basis 1 to 5 p.m., every Thursday. For more information, call 315-5454.

Make sure to bring your valid military ID card and shot record.

A questionnaire will be given to help your healthcare provider determine whether you can receive the FLUMIST (the nasal mist) or the FLUZONE (the shot).

## BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

Provided by Winn Army Community Hospital

#### November 15

• **Aldwin Emmanuel McLean**, a boy, 8 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Sgt. Aldwin Albert McLean and Rogrina McLean.

• **Symmone Renee Walles**, a girl, 8 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Spc. Bryan Walles and Dawn Walles.

#### November 16

• **Ty Justin Lee**, a boy, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. Justin E. Lee and Nicole Diane Lee.

• **Janell Mojica-Figueroa**, a girl, 8 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Javier Mojica and Janet Mojica.

• **Justin Da Sean Jones**, a boy, 5 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Timothy Jones and Ronda Jones.

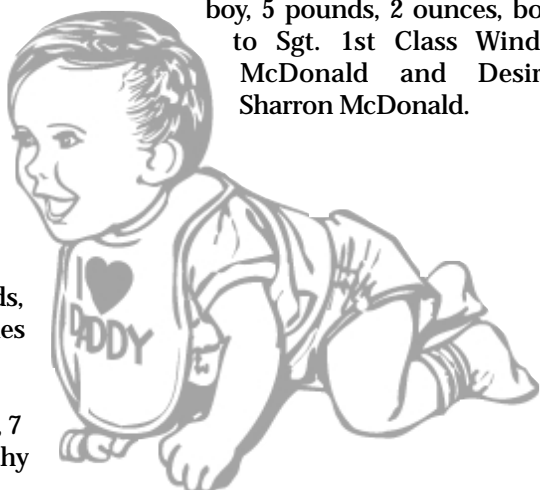
• **Ryleigh Kimiko Noelani Insley**, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Spc. Timothy

Insley and Jillian Insley.

• **Georgia Madilynn Ann Montgomery**, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Tyrone Allen Montgomery and Tammy Lynn Montgomery.

#### November 17

• **Marcus Jerome McDonald**, a boy, 5 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Sgt. 1st Class Windell McDonald and Desiree Sharron McDonald.



# Society birthday luncheon at WRAMC rocks out!

Monika Stoy, Catherine Bacon

Society of the 3rd Inf Div Public Relations

Mologne House at Walter Reed Army Medical Center rocked as Soldiers and Family members celebrated the Marne Division's 90th birthday. On Nov. 25, the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division Troop Support Committee organized and hosted an Oktoberfest-style celebration in honor of the 3rd Inf. Div.'s birthday. Since the division spent 39 of its 90 years in Bavaria, German cuisine was the food for the day. The menu consisted of an entrée of savory schnitzel and bratwurst; tangy sauerkraut and rich fried potatoes, topped off with chocolate cake; and cookies for dessert.

Almost 100 Soldiers, Family members and other guests gathered for the celebration in a Marne Division and Bavarian blue-and-white festooned room which had been decorated by Society members Chief Warrant Officer Richard and Stefanie Gooding and brand-new member Matthew Price. Society Historian Lt. Col. Tim Stoy and Wounded-Warrior leader Capt. Monika Stoy were joined by key Society volunteers Cath Bacon, Steve Al Mason, Spc. Leland Nordan, and Dave Woolsey, augmented by key volunteers from American Legion Post 176: President Lew Lipscomb and members Doris Cortez and Jim Sullivan. Division representatives at the celebration included by Maj. Curtis Douglass, the assistant division surgeon, and Division LNOs Sgt. 1st Class Ophelia VanWoert, Staff Sgt.

Marcus Brown and Spc. Jimmy Harrison.

As the Soldiers maneuvered the food buffet and sat at tables to chow down, they were honored by Maj. Gen. Rich Rowe, commanding general of the Joint Force Headquarters National Capital Region and the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, and his wife, Dale Rowe, and by three international military attaches and Family members: Brigadier and Mrs. Phillip Jones (Great Britain); Col. and Mrs. Soon Yeong Cha (Republic of Korea), and Col. and Mrs. Heinz Josef Feldman and their son Heinrich (Germany).

The distinguished visitors mingled freely with Soldiers and shared encouragement and appreciation with each one.

The birthday party began with the national anthem, followed by the Division's history, narrated by Stoy. The Soldiers also heard President George Bush's and Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch's birthday messages, and then Marne Division and visiting Soldiers alike sang "Dog Face Soldier." Later, while the Audie Murphy classic, "To Hell and Back" played in the background, two wounded warriors cut the birthday cakes, and Capt. Monika Stoy conducted a Marne trivia quiz.

Sharp Soldiers who knew their Marne history received prizes, including a rocking bulldog, a German beer boot, candy, books, book lights, and gift certificates.

Every Soldier in attendance received a specially designed commemorative Marne t-shirt.

The celebration of the Marne Division's 90th Birthday at

Mologne House was a great success. It was made possible by the generous donations of cash and products from many organizations including the Society of the 3rd Infantry Division; nd OP 7, Washington D.C.; OP 17, St. Louis; and OP 54, San Francisco; Echo Entertainment; The Aleethia Foundation; the American Legion Post 176; The Pentagon Federal Credit Union; and The Schmankerl Stube, Hagerstown's Bavarian Restaurant.

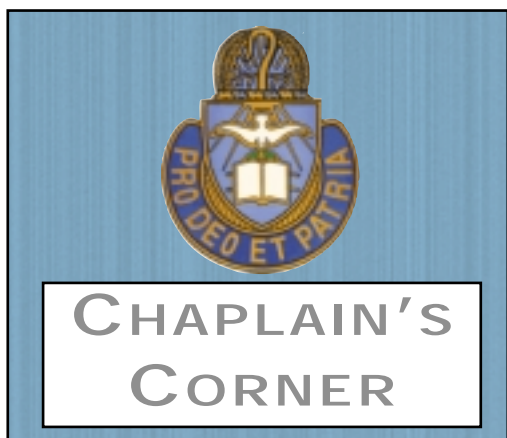
Individuals who provided gifts included Dave Adams, Henry Bodson Dave and Ruby Coats, Lawrence Cummings, James Evans, Robert Golden, Arnold and Sheila Fieldman, Alexey Ivanchukov, Werner Michel, Charles Murray Lisa Skibick, Tilly Smithers, Command Sgt. Maj. Jimmie Spencer, Jack Sneddon, Harold Stanfield, Willard Tompkins, Danielle Webber, and Leonard and Heddy Werth.

The Society of the 3rd Inf. Div. is planning a similar event next spring to celebrate the division's 90th Anniversary of its World War I campaign in the Champagne region of France. The event is tentatively scheduled for May 2008. Until then, the Troop Support Committee continues in its work to support the wounded as well as its other three support areas: Troop Mail Call, Troop Care Packages and Troop Family Support.

For more information about the Society or the Troop Support Committee, contact OP Marne President Carl T. Smith, [carl.t.smith@us.army.mil](mailto:carl.t.smith@us.army.mil); Secretary Cecil Greenwell at [cecil-greenwell@hotmail.com](mailto:cecil-greenwell@hotmail.com); or Troop Support Committee Chair, Cath Bacon, [3IDWATCH@cox.net](mailto:3IDWATCH@cox.net).



# I'm dreaming of more than a white Christmas



**Chap. (Lt. Col.) Allen M. Stahl**  
*Garrison Chaplain*

We are all familiar with the classic Christmas carol, "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas" sung by Bing Crosby. And we have delighted in hearing the Christmas poem, "Twas the Night before Christmas" where we find "children were nestled all snug in their beds, while visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads."

Each of us has our own dreams and visions; some small and some great: some important and some quite silly. Most of these dreams are

more likely known only to ourselves and never shared with anyone else. Some of us are dreaming of getting married or getting that new vehicle or dreaming of retirement. Of course, there are those who dream of winning the lottery or maybe being on American Idol. And children at this time of the year are dreaming of toys and electronic games.

It is good to have dreams and visions. These spark in us a hope for the future. That future can hold in store for us better things. As we know, some of our dreams come true while many will never be realized. Such is our life here upon this Earth.

God knows well our dreams and aspirations. God also has dreams---dreams for us of greater things. His dream for us is not limited to only this life, but goes beyond this life to encompass all eternity. As we ask God to help us in some way to fulfill our dreams, let us work with His grace in fulfilling His dream for us. And then we will have the satisfaction of knowing that we have helped make God's dreams come true.

The Book of Joel states: **"It will come about after this that I will pour out My Spirit on all mankind; And your sons and daughters will prophesy, Your old men will dream dreams, Your young men will see visions."** (Joel 2:28)

Chapel Schedule		
Fort Stewart		
Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Main Post Chapel	.9 a.m.
Saturday Mass	Main Post Chapel	.5 p.m.
Protestant		
Contemporary Worship	Marne	.11 a.m.
Gospel Worship	Main Post Chapel	.11 a.m.
Traditional Worship	Marne	.9 a.m.
Liturgical Worship	Heritage	.11 a.m.
Kids' Church(K to 6th grade)	Across from Dia. Elem.	.11 a.m.
PWOC (Wednesday)	Marne	.9:30 a.m.
Islamic		
Friday Jum'ah	Marne	.1:30 p.m.
Contact Staff Sgt. Aiken at 877-4053.		
Jewish		
Contact Sgt. 1st Class. Crowther at 332-2084.		
Friday	Marne	.11:30 a.m.
Hunter Army Airfield		
Catholic		
Sunday Mass	Chapel	.11 a.m.
Protestant		
Sunday Service	Chapel	.9 a.m.
Religious Education Contacts		
Stewart and Hunter, Director of RE, Mike Iliff, call 767-9789.		
Stewart Catholic RE coordinator, Beth Novak, call 767-6825.		
Hunter Catholic RE coordinator, Pamela Perez, call 315-5440.		

## Kids Church

### Exciting Bible Lessons

with music, puppets, videos, crafts, games

11 a.m. to noon, Sunday at Stewart School at Services or at Hunter, 9:15 a.m. Sunday, at the Hunter Chapel Fellowship Hall.

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10:15 a.m. - Liberty and Hendrich, Liberty and Sicily, Liberty and Anzio, Liberty and Rome

10:20 a.m. - Jasmine and Skyland Spruce, Jasmine and Liberty Wood, Wild Fern and Golden Birch

10:30 a.m. - Schofield and Sansidro, Schofield and Hollandia, Rogers and Argyle

10:40 a.m. - Naktong and New Guinea, Ormoc and New Guinea

10:50 a.m. - Marne Chapel

10:55 a.m. - Victory Chapel

For more information, call 767-6831 at Stewart or at Hunter call, 315-315-5934.

## Fort Stewart-Hunter Youth Ministries

Fort Stewart

Junior and Senior High School Students!

6:30 to 8 p.m., Sunday at Vale Chapel in Bryan Village.

For more information call 877-7207

## Hunter

Join us for Motivating Fun!

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For more information call 315-5934

A Stage Play

## "Christmas In Iraq"

Christmas Production 2007

December 15 • 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Woodruff Theater

For more information, call Oneeka Ware at 876-7977 or 767-7028

## Candlelight Services

Monday, Dec. 24

Main Post Chapel and Hunter Post Chapel

Both services begin at 7 p.m.

Everyone is invited to attend

## HANDEL'S MESSIAH

### Concert

December 16 4 p.m.

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Hinesville, Georgia

320 East Washington Avenue (912) 876-3670

## Attend Marriage 101

The unit ministry team conducts a marriage 101 seminar the fourth Tuesday of every month from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Victory Chapel. The session is for singles, engaged couples, newlyweds, and seasoned partners. The materials are provided as well as lunch. For more information or to make reservations, call the Family Life Chaplain, at 767-7028.

## Liberty County Mass Choir

Rehearsals are 7 p.m. every Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church, Hinesville.

Contact Cathy Goolsby to get your book and rehearsal CD at machlube@coastal.net or 369-4818; or contact Ronald Calhoun at realhoun@schoolofchurchmusic.org or 247-3424.

# Aviation Brigade celebrates Hanukkah



**Pfc. Monica K. Smith**  
*3rd Combat Aviation Brigade*

**CAMP STRIKER, Iraq** – The first day of Hanukkah was celebrated Dec. 4 at the Camp Striker Chapel, Baghdad. About a dozen people took part in the celebration which included a menorah lighting and singing in Hebrew.

Chap. (Capt.) Ken Godfrey, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, Combat Aviation Brigade, 3rd Infantry Division, was invited to light the "servant candle" which is lit first and then used to light the remaining candles, one candle each night for eight nights.

"During the darkest part of the year, that flicker of light reminds us of hope," said Chap. (Capt.) Andrew Shulman, HHC, 4th Battalion, 3rd Aviation Regiment. "Hanukkah reminds us that God is always there in our darkest moments and it's important for everyone else to know that. That's really the point of Hanukkah, to publicize that thought."

Hanukkah is a Jewish holiday celebrated in honor of their victory over the Greek regime of Antiochus in second century B.C.

The temple in Jerusalem was rededicated, but when it came time to re-light the menorah, only one small jar of oil could be found. Miraculously, the oil burned for eight days until a new supply of oil could be produced.

*Spc. Daniel Oster, Co. B, 2/69 Armor, 3rd BCT, meditates after lighting a menorah, Dec. 4, at the Camp Striker Chapel, Baghdad.*

*Pfc. Monica K. Smith*





Savannah Cultural Events

Activities sponsored by the Savannah Department of Cultural Affairs include these ongoing events:

Every first Friday of the month

Folk Music by Savannah Folk Music Society, 7:30 p.m., free, at Wesley Monumental United Methodist Church.

The Arts at City Market Center, upstairs, Jefferson and West St. Julian Streets, free, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Call 232-7731.

Every first Saturday of the month

Adult and youth basic ballroom dance classes, by Moon River Dancers: 1to 3 p.m. at the West Broad Street YMCA, 1110 May Street. Admission is \$3 per person. Call 925-7416 or visit [www.savannahusabda.org](http://www.savannahusabda.org).

Every third Wednesday of the month

Open Mic Poetry Night - sign up at 7:45 p.m., Gallery Espresso, 6 East Liberty St. Call 233-5348 for more information.

Saturdays and Sundays

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation tours 1 to 5 p.m. every Saturday and 1 to 4 p.m. on Sundays. Located at 207 E. Charlton St. on Lafayette Square.

Born in Savannah in 1925, writer, Mary Flannery O'Connor, lived in a Charlton Street house until 1938.

Today, it is maintained partly as a memorial to her and partly as a literary center for Savannah. Call 233-6014.

Every Sunday

Oldie Goldies Sunday at the American Legion Post 500, 1716 Montgomery St., 4 to 8 p.m. Call 925-7116. The Reel Savannah Film Group presentations, 7 p.m., Sunday evenings at the Lucas Theatre. Tickets cost \$6 and are available an hour prior.

Explore the performing arts in Savannah

The Savannah Sinfonietta and the City of Savannah encourage community members to learn more about the arts. For more information on this and other concerts by Savannah's own professional orchestra, visit [www.savannahorchestra.org](http://www.savannahorchestra.org) or call 800-414-3849.

Human Resource Management meeting held

Coastal Society of Human Resource Management meets on the fourth Thursday of every month. If you are a human resource professional and would like to attend a meeting or receive more information, please feel free to contact Holly Stevens-Brown, chapter president, at 876-3564.

Explore Oatland Island Wildlife Center

Oatland Island Wildlife Center of Savannah invites community members to explore the facility and learn more about the native wildlife. The center encompasses a total of 175 acres of salt marsh, freshwater wetlands, and maritime forest habitats, and has a two-mile long "Native Animal Nature Trail." To learn

more about oatland, visit online at [www.oatlandisland.org](http://www.oatlandisland.org) or call the center at 898-3980.

The Nutcracker performed in Richmond Hill

The Nutcracker will be performed by the Richmond Hill Dance Theater, 7 p.m., tonight at the Speirs-Brogdon Building, at the Crossroads Center, Highway 17 in Richmond Hill. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children.

Explore the Live Oak public library programs

Find out a fun way to learn and check out the Live Oak Public Libraries' Programs at the Liberty Branch Library and Midway-Riceboro Branch libraries.

The program sponsors regular events for children of various age including preschool story time; Tree Tots story time; gingerbread decorating; computer classes; and intermediate word. Learn more about what is happening at the library, call 368-4003. The next preschool story times are 10:30 a.m., Dec. 17; Tree Tots Story time for children 1 to 2 years old is Dec. 18 and gingerbread decorating Dec. 15.

New job Web site announced for Veterans

The American Legion and Avue Technologies have launched a joint Web site, [www.vetjobs.us](http://www.vetjobs.us), to substantially increase employment opportunities in the federal government for America's returning veterans. The new site will be free to all users and will not contain advertising of any kind.

Pops with Printup and Friends

Join acclaimed Lincoln Center Jazz Band trumpeter Marcus Printup and a few of his favorite musical friends as they join the Sinfonietta Pops orchestra for an evening of soaring and soulful jazz presented by Savannah Sinfonietta 8 p.m., Jan. 4 at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts, 32 Abercorn St. Tickets are \$25, \$20 and \$15. For tickets or more information, call 525-5050 or visit online at [www.lucastheatre.com](http://www.lucastheatre.com).

Come watch First Friday Fireworks

Celebrate the end of the week with fireworks and River Street fun, Jan. 5. The event is free and pen to the public.

Hong Xu concert slated

Presented by the Savannah Concert Association 8 p.m., Jan. 6 at the Lucas Theatre for the Arts, 32 Abercorn St. Hong Xu, the 21-year-old Chinese pianist, has already achieved a reputation as a virtuoso of the highest order. A finalist in the Hilton Head International Piano Competition, he returned to the island last season as an emergency replacement, performing the daunting "Third Piano Concerto" of Rachmaninoff to great acclaim.

Tickets, available at 525-550, or at [www.lucast.theatre.com](http://www.lucast.theatre.com) are \$35, \$25 and \$12.50. A limited number of \$2 tickets are available for music teachers and students. Season subscriptions are available.

Musical Salute to Martin Luther King, Jr.

Presented by Coastal Jazz Association 7 p.m., Jan. 9 at the Jewish Educational Alliance, 5111 Abercorn St. featuring the Savannah Jazz Orchestra and the Savannah Arts Academy Skyclite Jazz Band. Free admission, courtesy of the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs. For more information call 675-5419 or visit online at [www.coastal-jazz.org](http://www.coastal-jazz.org).

Old Time Country Dance Slated

An old time county dance, presented by the Savannah Folk Music Society featuring the Glow in the Dark String Band will be presented Jan. 13. Call for location, 786-6953 or visit online at [www.savannahfolk.org](http://www.savannahfolk.org).

Secret Garden performed

The Secret Garden will be presented Jan. 19-21, and 26-28 at the Savannah Children's Theatre 2160 E. Victory Drive. For more information, call 238-9015 or visit online at [www.savannahchildrenstheatre.org](http://www.savannahchildrenstheatre.org).

18th Annual Black Heritage Festival Slated

An exhibition will be presented at the Sankofa African-American Museum on Wheels by the Savannah State University at the Massie Heritage Interpretation Center, 207 E. Gordon Street, Jan. 28-Feb. 2. An experiential learning exhibit of artifacts that depicts a historical and chronological journey of African Americans. The event is sponsored by the City of Savannah's Department of Cultural Affairs.

For more information, call 691-6847 or visit online at [www.savstate.edu](http://www.savstate.edu).

See the Jazz Odyssey with Chris Chandler

Savannah native and ASCAP Award recipient Chris Chandler will perform with John Kennedy, Billy Hoffman and Clair Frasier 5 p.m., Jan. 28 at the Cobblestone Conch House, 225 W. River St. For more information or tickets, which are \$10 for general admission, call 675-5419 or [www.coastal-jazz.org](http://www.coastal-jazz.org).

Discover the Girl Scout Movement

Discover how Juliette Gordon Low, known for antics, artistic talent and disorganization founded the world's largest organization for girls and women Jan. 24.

Professional staff leads this lively tour at 10 East Ogelthorpe Ave., by reservation only. For more information, call 233-4501 or visit online at [birthplace@girlscouts.org](mailto:birthplace@girlscouts.org).

# American legion receives donation to help veterans

Special to the Frontline

INDIANAPOLIS -The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes presented a check of \$500,000 to The American Legion so the nation's largest veterans organization can award grants to disabled veterans who served in the Iraq or Afghanistan wars.

"These grants are just a small token of appreciation for the sacrifices made by so many of America's men and women in uniform," said Thomas J. Palma, general manager of the Coalition. "Our Coalition was able to raise a lot of money from caring people, but we do not have the distribution network of The American Legion. The Legion is a well-respected organization with a presence in communities across America. The

American Legion will do an excellent job in getting those grants to deserving veterans."

American Legion National Commander Marty Conatser said the American Legion is honored to participate in the project. "We are extremely grateful to the Coalition for its generous contribution to America's heroes. Some of these grants will be awarded just in time to brighten the holidays for those who need the help," said Conatser.

The funds will be divided into \$500 grants and awarded to veterans of Afghanistan and Iraq who are rated with disabilities of 30 percent or more. The American Legion will assume all distribution administrative costs, meaning that 1,000 grants will be awarded - the entire amount of the Coalition's contribution.

It is not the first time that the two organizations have teamed up to award grants to disabled veterans. The American Legion distributed checks for the Coalition in 2005.

"The program was so successful two years ago that The American Legion's National Executive Committee unanimously passed a resolution at our last convention authorizing our assistance in this great endeavor," Conatser said.

The Coalition to Salute America's Heroes, [www.salute-heroes.org](http://www.salute-heroes.org), is a nonprofit organization that was created to provide a way for individuals, corporations and others to help severely wounded and disabled Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom veterans and their families rebuild their lives.

# Watch the ‘Big Bang Theory’, Mondays on CBS

Commentary by:

Sasha McBrayer

Fort Stewart Museum

On Mondays CBS is the place for comedy. With youthful hit "How I Met Your Mother" and cheeky "Two and a Half Men", their line up is already a fan favorite.

Late this year a new show was sandwiched between the two comedies. New-comer "The Big Bang Theory" seemed to have a thin premise in the beginning; hot girl moves in next door to two total nerds. Blonde bombshell Kaley Cuoco probably brought with her a few fans from her history making series "8 Simple Rules".

Whether many actually enjoyed the show, few can forget that while acting in the comedy, the one and only John Ritter's life came abruptly to an end.

Seemingly thin premise or no, it only takes a few minutes of viewing to be captivated by the ensemble cast. Kaley's character, Penny, is not a total ditz. While she continuously dates the wrong kind of guy, she has the heart and charisma to stay on par with the brilliant bunch of geeks next door. Veteran sitcom star Johnny Galecki from "Roseanne" fame leads his pack as the good-natured Leonard, a young physicist hopelessly enamored with his blonde neighbor.

Sheldon, his tall, lean, comic book loving roommate and best friend is absolutely hilarious to watch. He is a theoretical physicist with no social ability, and disturbing need for order, among other things.



The cast is rounded out by two other nerdy pals in the form of Howard Wolowitz and Rajesh Koothrappali. Wolowitz wears audaciously tight pants, and according to wikipedia has a wardrobe entirely based upon that of Davy Jones from the Monkees. His haircut definitely jives with that old character. Wolowitz has a weird confidence around women, causing him to try speaking to them in foreign languages. He lives with his mom and is also a successful young scientist.

Rajesh is has a chronic inability to speak at all with women. The puppy dog character worries often and has parents at home in India who insist on being present in his life via web-

cam, made mobile by Raj simply carrying his laptop around his environment.

The situations are classic, whether the boys are circled in Leonard and Sheldon's living room, laptops on laps, hands-free devices on ear, playing an interactive role-playing game with hysterical conviction, or eating Thai food, fearful of peanut allergies while having a Superman movie marathon. Also of "Roseanne" fame, Sara Gilbert has a repeat role of 'nerdette' sometimes interested in Leonard and sometimes not. I loved her cold sarcastic role in underappreciated comedy "The Class" and am thrilled she is still working. Laurie Metcalf has also portrayed Sheldon's bigger than life Southern mother.

While the awkward scientists are complete in their geeky-ness, I for one can't help but wish I had friends like these. You can catch "Big Bang" on Mondays at 8:30 on CBS.

Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield honors  
**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**  
1:30 to 3 p.m.  
Jan. 16  
Fort Stewart Main post chapel  
For more information, Call Sgt. 1st Class Sheila Hoover, at 767-5855



## Volunteer Spotlight

Pablo Guerrios of Puerto Rico, is an American Red Cross volunteer working in the Information Management Division at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Guerrios volunteers because he wants to help and bring forward all his experience that he acquired through his military career. His interests and hobbies include troubleshooting, fixing and implementing computer programs as well as playing dominos. If you'd like more information about becoming an American Red Cross volunteer at Winn, call Brigitte Shanken at 435-6903.







Photos by Cherrie Kreige, Graphic by Pat Young

# Lighting the Christmas tree illuminates holidays



Nancy Gould

Ashley Poole, 12, and Savannah McArthur, 11 examine cookies at the Hunter Christmas tree lighting Dec. 8.

**Robert McChargue**  
*Frontline contributor*

Children laughed and giggled as the crowd assembled Dec. 6, for the Christmas Tree Lighting outside Club Stewart. As the sun went down for the night, a crisp winter chill doused those massed around the glittery tannenbaum.

Soldiers and Families sung Jingle Bells as the festivities kicked off. A battalion of Workshop Elves stormed the event with choruses of Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer and Frosty the Snowman. The children could not get enough.

Colonel Todd Buchs, Stewart-Hunter garrison commander, introduced all of the guests from Stewart and the sur-

rounding community.

"I want to thank the Soldiers fighting in Iraq. They make it possible for us to celebrate freely, Christmas, Hanukkah, Kwanza, however you spend the holiday," said Buchs, "It's only possible because of our guys over there."

After the tree was lit and Santa Claus himself arrived on a sleigh coming down Hero Road, the crowd made a mass exodus inside. Inside Club Stewart, Santa's Workshop gave the kids an opportunity to make arts and crafts, like making Elf hats. Next door to the workshop was Santa's study, where children drafted letters to Santa. The preparations paid off as the area was transformed from Club to a "Winter Wonderland," as referred by many of the attendees.

"We had a great time, the kids had a great time, and all my thanks to the MWR (Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation) who made the whole thing possible," said Linda Schumm, Department of Child and Youth Services.

Sarah Lynch, wife of 3rd Infantry Division Commander, Major General Rick Lynch, was present for the tree lighting.

"Absolutely marvelous, our garrison staff has done such an amazing job supporting the Families and the Soldiers. The whole event was wonderful," she said.

**Editor's note:** *The Hunter Army Airfield Christmas Tree Lighting was held Dec. 8, and had more than 300 people in attendance.*

# Local communities honor Soldiers at parade

**Pat Young**  
*Frontline Staff*

Thousands of people lined the streets of downtown Hinesville Dec 7, for the 11th annual Illuminated Christmas Parade waiting for the parade to begin, as participants made last minute preparations at the starting location on the Bradwell Institute campus.

This year's parade, themed "Christmas Around the World" was held in honor of the military servicemembers stationed around the world, according to Kenny Smiley, Liberty County Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and parade coordinator.

WTOC, channel 11, was on-hand and conducted a live broadcast of the event with WTOC's Dawn Baker and Kenny Fussell, Liberty County Board of Commissioners as announcers.

"We're very excited about this year's parade," Smiley said. "With all the entries and floats, its obvious the entire community

came together to help celebrate the season."

M.L. Coffey, Former Liberty County Commission Chairman was the grand marshal which featured about 90 entries, 37 of which were floats.

One of the leading elements to the 2007 parade, the 3rd Infantry Division Honor Guard, composed of Soldiers from various units of the Marne Division including the 233rd Transportation Company, 3rd Sustainment Brigade; 92nd Engineers, and 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry, 1st Brigade.

The crowd cheered and applauded as special guests arrived including Sarah Lynch, 3rd Infantry Division Family Readiness leader and wife of the Marne Division commander Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch; Fort Stewart-Hunter Army Airfield Garrison Commander Col. Todd Buchs, his wife Renee, son Austin and daughter Alexie; and the Hinesville Mayor, Thomas Ratcliffe.

"It is nice to support the community, as they support us in these times of war," said

Sgt. Jason Cramer, Headquarters, 3rd Special Troops Battalion and Honor Guard non-commissioned officer in charge.

Another crowd favorite at the parade, the Vietnam Veterans of America received thunderous applause as they passed the reviewing stand.

"I've been doing this for the last six years," said Butch Hemingway, Chapter 789 chapter president of the VVA before the parade started, looking fondly about as people finished last minute parade preparation. The Vietnam Veterans Council has been doing it since it started. It's a tradition. We're not just doing it for ourselves. We're doing it for the community as well. Plus, it's a lot of fun."

Michelle Roberts, 10, echoed Hemingway's thoughts and shared her own. "My favorite part of being part of the parade is the Christmas decorations. They're beautiful. It is also a nice feeling being part of the community."

To many of the Soldiers and Families in

attendance it was a nice way to help spend time with the Family during the times of deployment.

Capt. Janelle Verbeck, Special Troops Battalion rear-detachment commander, whose husband, Maj. William Haas is deployed with the 3rd Inf. Div., took the opportunity to share quality time with with her Family. With her son William, 14, daughter Samm, 16 and youngest daughter Demi, 6, she went to the parade, to enjoy the pageantry and enjoy the company of Family and friends.

For Demi, whose father serves this holiday season halfway across the world, in Iraq, her imagination is given a little light and illumination.

"I like the Snoopy float," Demi said as she watched the colorful floats pass by. And as the parade drew to an end with western-style participants riding horses, she was able to recall what she wanted for Christmas, "a toy pony."

# Tours across post shows spirit of Marne Families

**Pat Young**  
*Frontline Staff*

The Fort Stewart Officers' Spouses' Club offered a Tour of Homes Dec. 9, visiting ten residences from the installation that surpassed a simple glimpse into the dwellings of Soldiers and their Families, but became a pilgrimage into Americana - an eclectic molding of culture and inspiration with Family as the cornerstone of each.

Although the tour began at the Shop of the Marne, building 25 McNeely Road, it covered a wide variety of influences from the traditional country to European, African, from modern to antiquity. The Christmas decoration also varied from simple to the luminous, with spiritual motifs to light hearted humor.

Minerva Riveria, wife of 632nd Maintenance Company 1st Sgt. Hector Riveria, who has seen many of the sights in their 21 years of military service, and helps the community as a Family Readiness Group leader, took the opportunity to have some fun and take the tour.

"I enjoy being involved in the functions. I've found over the years, that the spouses' club is a lot of fun," Minerva Riveria said. "They hold events like the tour to help raise money to help the community. I want to help out too."

Riveria, who has two children a 16-year-old and a 12-year-old, knows that Christmas is

about spending time with your Family, but understands sometimes those times can be disrupted, so she make the best of the situation for her Family.

"This year, we're one short. Many Families are," Riveria said. "But luckily I have Family close by in Savannah. But we also share moments with our military Family. We all try to come together to help out."

The tour, while officially a fund raiser to help raise money for the OSC scholarship and welfare fund, benefiting Soldiers and their Families, according to Laura Fleming, Business and Sales Manager for Shop of the Marne and event coordinator, it also provided one of those moments for community members to have fun and share ideas.

Many community members stepped up to help out including Sarah Lynch, Christy McNight, Renee Buchs, Kris Fischer, Frankie Brost, Laura Smith, Denise Durr, Diana Stanley, Sheri Adams, and Theresa Covington, inviting guest into their lives as part of the tour.

"The OSC needed people to open their doors for the Tour of Homes," Renee Buchs said. "I don't mind helping out. The funds benefit the community, and it helps me get in the holiday spirit."

Alexie Buchs, 7, understands that spirit and explained her favorite part of Christmas, "It's Jesus' Birthday," she said.

Assisting mom with the decorations, she

helped decorate a beautiful Christmas tree, covered in ribbons, ornaments and candy cane treats. But Alexie also helped with the tour, showing her room which included a collection of German porcelain dolls and tea sets from Poland.

Next door, at the Maj. Gen. Rick Lynch and his wife Sarah Lynch's residence, "American's Home", as they refer to it, is truly that, with decorations throughout the house ranging from antiques to modern, from elegant to casual; but, with an underlining theme throughout - Soldiers and Family.

About 12 small themed Christmas trees were locate throughout the house. Some trees were decorated for Family members, others for veterans, Soldiers, and guests. While one was decorated with beautiful blue lights for their daughter Susan, an aspiring actress in Hollywood; another was for the Maj. Gen. Lynch, deployed to Iraq. Although the house of the 3rd Infantry Division commanding general, the house was decorated, and was filled with love for Family, including the four legged ones, Harley and Maggie, something familiar with many community members.

And although each house's guide opened the various doors, displaying various decorations and traditions, it was obvious to see, that all shared the bond as Marne Families and fellow community members. And they all wished everyone a merry Christmas and happy holidays.



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Alexie Buchs, 7, daughter of Renee and Col. Todd Buchs, Stewart-Hunter garrison commander, adds a candy cane to the Family Christmas tree Dec. 9, prior to the OSC Tour of Homes on Fort Stewart.



# Hinesville Christmas tree lighting illuminates spirits

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Lighting the Christmas tree was one of the main attractions at Liberty County and Hinesville's Christmas in the Park held at Bradwell Park Dec. 4; however, it wasn't the only one.

A live reindeer display, inflatable rides, a decorate-an-ornament workshop, sweets and holiday music performed by local schools including Snelson-Golden Middle School; Bradwell High School; Liberty High School; Lyman Hall Elementary, First Baptist; and First Presbyterian Christian Academy added to the spirit of the holiday. In addition the Main Course Step Team help provide entertainment to the hundreds in attendance.

The festive lighting, and aroma of cookies, hot chocolate, popcorn and spices also filled the air along with the laughter of children and light hearted conversation of community members sharing in the camaraderie.

"It's a really great event," said Janet Blanks, an employee at Fort Stewart's Plans, Analysis and Integration Office, who attended the event with Family and friends. "It helps get people in the spirit of Christmas - the birth of Jesus Christ."

Blanks said it was wonderful to see

military Families, during the sad days of deployment, out with their children having fun, an lending a helping hand with local community members - making it a great time for everyone.

"There was an announcement at school asking if anyone wanted to help out," said First Presbyterian Christian

Academy 9th grader Milan Patel as he helped young children into a bright red sleigh, situated behind a real life reindeer display. "I volunteered, along with some of my friends like Christian Evay; Austin Buchs, Mystery Ellert, and Sam Holt. I like helping people, and I knew it would be fun too."



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**Above:** Choir singers from Snelson-Golden Middle School add song to the good cheer at Christmas in the Park in Hinesville, Dec. 4.

**Right:** Samantha Holt, Mystery Ellert and Milan Patel, volunteers from First Presbyterian Christian Academy, sit in "Santa's Sleigh" during a break, at Christmas in the Park.



## Westin Harbor Foundation honors military

**Steve Hart**  
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Staff Sgt. Robert Ogg, 260th Quartermaster Battalion, his wife Dawn and their children Jordan, 4, and Cameron, 3, were among the military guests at The Westin Savannah Harbor Golf Resort and Spa, Dec. 8.

The Ogg's and more than 50 other Families from Hunter Army Airfield were at the Westin for a Pancake Breakfast and to receive gifts from Santa Claus courtesy of The Savannah Harbor Foundation.

"It is a very nice gesture for the Westin to remember the Hunter military community during this holiday season," said Dawn Ogg.

During the visit, Ogg's children had the opportunity to visit Santa, and tell him what they wanted for Christmas.

"I gave Santa a list of what I want for Christmas and colored him a picture," said Cameron.

The event featured a number of activities and attractions aside from Santa's visit including a gingerbread village display that was appreciated by every member of Ogg's Family.

"We hope this celebration of Family will help bring cheer to these Families ... especially the children, as these military Families sacrifice a lot for our country," said Sarah Zielinski, guest services specialist and project leader, The Westin Savannah Harbor. "This event is just a small way we can show our appreciation."



Steve Hart

**Above:** Staff Sgt. Robert Ogg, 260th Quartermaster Co. and his Family look at a gingerbread village display during their visit to the Westin Pancake Breakfast, Dec. 8.

## YMCA hosts Angel Tree Giveaway



Kaytrina Curtis

Children from the Habersham Street YMCA's preschool performed Christmas songs for those in attendance at the third annual YMCA Angel Tree giveaway, Dec. 6.

Hunter Army Airfield Family members were treated to songs and a meal. More than 100 children from Hunter received gifts. The event was held for the Families to show appreciation for the sacrifices that military Families make for our country.

Also at the event, Hunter Soldiers and their Family members enjoyed a music selection by the Savannah Arts Academy's Choir.